



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

April 7, 2005

The Honorable Jon Porter
Chairman
Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce
and Agency Organization
Committee on Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please find enclosed a supplement to the testimony I gave to the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce and Agency Organization on April 5, 2005. I request that this supplement be made a part of the transcript and the record for the April 5 hearing at which I testified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "T. Garrish", is written over a horizontal line.

Theodore J. Garrish
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Enclosure



STATEMENT OF THEODORE J. GARRISH TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD

When I testified before the Federal Workforce Subcommittee on April 5, 2005, Chairman Porter asked me the question: "Are there any of the employees in question still working Yucca Mountain?"

I responded: "The individuals that -- I think there are principally 10 individuals that are involved in those initial e-mails, and I'm not sure if any of those are fully -- yes, there are some but not the ones I think that are subject to this inquiry. They went off the project I think in the year 2000. So in other words, I think there are two individuals that most of these e-mails were involving. They left the project in the year 2000. There are other USGS personnel still on the project, if that's your question?"

At the time of my testimony, the above statement was an accurate account of my understanding of the facts related to the question. On April 6, 2005, I was initially informed by the USGS and later by Yucca Mountain Project staff that one of the two individuals who authored most of the e-mails had been recently authorized by USGS at the request of DOE Yucca Mountain Project staff to undertake limited work. I am informed that the work was authorized on March 15, 2005, and that the authorization and all work pursuant to it were terminated on April 6, 2005.